

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PASSING OF DAVID S.
CUNNINGHAM, JR.

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, Los Angeles has lost a great leader, a champion for accessible, affordable housing and a true community visionary: David Surmier Cunningham, Jr. Dave Cunningham made major contributions to our city, including serving on the Los Angeles City Council with distinction, honor and dignity from 1973 to 1986, succeeding Tom Bradley when he became Mayor. Dave Cunningham and Tom Bradley would remain close allies throughout their lives.

Among the first African American elected leaders in the city, Mr. Cunningham represented a district that included Koreatown, the Latino neighborhood of Pico-Union, the heavily Jewish district of Fairfax, and the majority African American community of West Adams. I was proud to be a constituent, and later to represent many of the same diverse communities that he served.

Mr. Cunningham had a remarkable and widely varied career. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a cartographer until 1960, the same year he says he was bitten by the political bug, when he attended the historic Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles and saw John Kennedy win the nomination for president.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in economics and political science at the University of California, Riverside in 1962, and then was selected for a Coro Foundation Public Affairs internship with Assemblyman Charles Warren. The next year he moved to the private sector and spent three years in Lagos, Nigeria as West Africa regional manager for the Dukane Corporation.

On return to the U.S., he managed community relations for Hughes Aircraft for a year before forming a government consulting partnership in 1968 that would be his focus for the next five years, along with earning a Master's degree in Urban Studies from Occidental College. In 1973 he won the responsibility of representing Los Angeles' 10th City Council District.

As a City Councilmember, Mr. Cunningham took on pressing issues from opposing drilling in Santa Monica Bay to leading a campaign to divest the city's holdings in apartheid-era South Africa. He is perhaps best known for his fierce advocacy for improving the education of African American students in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and for pioneering policies that significantly increased affordable housing in the city, including for seniors and citizens returning after incarceration.

He chaired the committee focused on housing and community development, and he called on federal housing officials to put thousands of boarded-up homes owned by the government back into use. He also used his

committee role to encourage minority hiring at investment banks that sought work with the city. In the early 1980s, he was a key ally in Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky's crusade to shut down the Los Angeles Police Department's infamous Public Disorder Intelligence Division, which kept files on civil rights organizations and other activist and civic groups.

After his city council service, he continued his housing focus, both in the private sector as an investment banker, and through a leadership position with the Community Housing Equity Corporation. Mr. Cunningham cultivated strong relationships with constituents, in particular asking his Chief of Staff MAXINE WATERS and aide Geneva Cox to work with the women of the district to develop leadership skills and harness the considerable energy and creativity of those women to improve the lives of people living in the district. The 10th Council District Women's Steering Committee continues its service to this day.

In 1988 he formed the government relations consulting firm, Dave Cunningham and Associates, that would be his focus for the next three decades, serving clients from small entrepreneurs and giant corporations like Hertz. His devotion to service later in his life included his role as state president of the Black American Public Affairs Committee (BAPAC), continuing his advocacy for equity, civil rights, economic development and community empowerment.

A man for all seasons, Mr. Cunningham was an accomplished jazz musician who played bass in a band, and he even appeared in a Chris Rock movie.

My thoughts are with Mr. Cunningham's son, my friend Judge David S. Cunningham, III, and the rest of his loving family and friends. To those of us who were fortunate enough to cross Dave's path, he offered guidance, wisdom and insight. He will be sorely missed.

TRIBUTE TO KIEU-CHINH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kieu-Chinh, a legendary Vietnamese-American actress and a philanthropist, who has contributed six decades of her life to the motion picture industry worldwide, including Vietnam, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, China, India, Australia, Canada, and Hollywood.

Kieu-Chinh was born in 1937 in Hanoi, North Vietnam. She moved to the South Vietnam as a refugee in her own motherland at the age of 17, and started her acting career at the age of 19. Since then, she has appeared in over 100 movies and television shows including "M.A.S.H" and "The Joy Luck Club."

Throughout her acting career, she has received numerous accolades and awards: Best

Actress Award of South Vietnam—Arts and Cinema Prize (1969), Best Leading Actress at the Asian Film Festival in Taipei (1973), Emmy Award for her documentary—"Kieu-Chinh: A Journey Home" produced by FOX Television (1996), Special Acting Award at the Cinema Delle Donne Film Festival in Italy (2003), and Lifetime Achievement Awards at the Vietnamese International Film Festival (2003), at the San Diego Film Festival (2006) and at the San Francisco Movie Festival-Festival of Globe (2015).

In addition to her acting success, she was honored as "Refugee of the Year" by the United States Congress in 1990 and was invited to be the first Vietnamese woman to speak at the 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Groundbreaking Anniversary in Washington, D.C. in 1992.

In 1993, together with Lewis Puller—an American veteran and Terry Anderson—a journalist, Kieu-Chinh co-founded the Vietnam Children's Fund (VCF). Since its establishment, the VCF has built 51 schools in Vietnam to provide safe and high-quality education for more than 30,000 students annually. In the same year, she became a lecturer for the Greater Talent Network, Inc. in New York and has made multiple appearances at different conventions, academic conferences, and universities around the country for over two decades.

On the 60th Anniversary of Kieu-Chinh Cinema, Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Kieu-Chinh and her invaluable contributions to the motion picture industry and the communities worldwide.

HONORING MICHAEL "MIKE"
FISHER

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of the finest and most dedicated members of the Office of Emergency Management: Michael "Mike" Fisher of Bastrop, Texas. He was one of the most respected individuals in not only Bastrop County, but throughout our great state.

For 11 years, Mike served as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Bastrop County. He was considered a "man of vision and an innovator of Emergency Management." He had an uncanny ability to foresee the future of disasters and stay ahead of the diverse emergencies in our state and Bastrop County. These skills enabled him to succeed on many levels within his position.

Mike managed the emergency response for our local disasters, including the 2009 Wilderness Ridge Fire and the Hidden Pines Fire of October 2015, as well as coordinated the county's response to the major flooding events we've experienced in more recent years.

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His leadership, knowledge, and dedication to the challenges he was given were so extensive that he was often sought out to help surrounding counties and jurisdictions. Mike was always looking to help others.

To his friends and colleagues, Mike was known as a trusted counselor, a good listener, and a peacemaker. Yet, when he spoke, all listened.

Above all, his most important accomplishment was his family. To Mike's wife, Bonnie, his entire family, and the good people of Bastrop County, you have the gratitude of the nation and we join you in mourning the loss of this great public servant.

RECOGNIZING ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WATERLOO, NY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize St. Paul's Episcopal Church on its bicentennial, and to congratulate its clergy, staff, and members, as they celebrate this remarkable milestone.

St. Paul's was incorporated on November 17, 1817, in Waterloo, New York, and has ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of its surrounding community without ceasing in the two-hundred years since.

From its inception, St. Paul's has practiced the traditional Christian values of inclusion, hospitality, caring for the poor and others who are struggling. St. Paul's also strives to provide a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of where they are in their respective faith journeys.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing St. Paul's Episcopal Church as it celebrates two centuries of spiritual ministry and service to the community of Waterloo, New York.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, I requested and was granted a leave of absence for the rest of the week to visit the community of Sutherland Springs following the recent shooting.

For the information of our colleagues and my constituents, below is how I would have voted on the following votes I missed during this time period.

Had I been present, I would have voted:

NAY on Roll Call 617, on rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act;

YEA on Roll Call 618, on passage of the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 619, on the passage of the Rush Amendment;

YEA on Roll Call 620, on passage of H.R. 3043, Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017;

YEA on Roll Call 621, on passage of Veterans Fair Debt Notice Act of 2016; and

NAY on Roll Call 622, on passage of H.R. 2201, Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, during my medical recovery, I missed the following roll call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted:

October 31, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 591

November 1, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 592

No on Roll Call No. 593

Yea on Roll Call No. 594

Yea on Roll Call No. 595

Yea on Roll Call No. 596

Yea on Roll Call No. 597

No on Roll Call No. 598

Yea on Roll Call No. 599

November 2, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 600

No on Roll Call No. 601

No on Roll Call No. 602

No on Roll Call No. 603

Yea on Roll Call No. 604

November 3, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 605

No on Roll Call No. 606

November 6, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 607

Yea on Roll Call No. 608

Yea on Roll Call No. 609

November 7, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 610

No on Roll Call No. 611

Yea on Roll Call No. 612

Yea on Roll Call No. 613

No on Roll Call No. 614

November 8, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 616

No on Roll Call No. 617

Yea on Roll Call No. 618

Yea on Roll Call No. 619

No on Roll Call No. 620

Yea on Roll Call No. 621

November 9, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 622

November 13, 2017

Yea on Roll Call No. 623

Yea on Roll Call No. 624

Yea on Roll Call No. 625

November 14, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 626

No on Roll Call No. 627

Yea on Roll Call No. 628

Yea on Roll Call No. 629

No on Roll Call No. 630

No on Roll Call No. 631

November 15, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 632

No on Roll Call No. 633

Yea on Roll Call No. 634

Yea on Roll Call No. 635

Yea on Roll Call No. 636

November 16, 2017

No on Roll Call No. 637

HONORING VICTOR DE LOS SANTOS

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take some time today to honor one of my constituents, Mr. Victor de los Santos, for his immense dedication to serving Santa Ana's youth.

Mr. Santos is a music educator who was first hired as the Santa Ana High School Band Director in 2007. In his time there, Mr. Santos has worked tirelessly to expand the breadth of the program as well as increase enrollment from 80 to 170 students.

Mr. Santos has created a safe harbor for students who are from broken homes and high crime neighborhoods. He works to create a positive environment for his students and for some, he has been the only father figure they have known. Two years ago, he became foster father to a student who would have otherwise gone to a group home. Now that student has graduated from Santa Ana High School and is attending Santa Ana City College to one day become a teacher too.

I am pleased to say that Mr. Santos has been nominated, along with 24 other semifinalists from across the country, for the Grammy Music Educator Award, which will be presented next year.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Santos is an example to us of the value of investing in education of the arts. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Santos for his nomination, and thank him for the positive impact he has made on the Santa Ana community.

HONORING MIRIAM STEINBERG

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Scarsdale community, Miriam Steinberg, for her tireless dedication and selflessness to the Coachman Family Center Shelter. Miriam has donated over \$50,000 worth of food and supplies for the homeless and deserves a great deal of recognition for her efforts.

A lifetime resident of Scarsdale, Miriam is the President of Our Coupon Cares, a non-profit committed to providing supplies to homeless shelters through clipping coupons. Miriam's monthly visits to the shelter have led her to be one of the largest individual donors in the area. Each month, Miriam brings 15 grocery bags filled with cereal, snacks, juice, body wash, notebooks, board game and other supplies, totaling over 700 grocery bags since she became President. Currently, she is preparing for the Thanksgiving holiday and hopes to provide those with a memorable holiday.

Miriam's altruism is a model for others to look upon, Mr. Speaker, she has given so much back to her community and her efforts have been beyond exemplary. I want to congratulate Miriam on all she has done and thank her for her remarkable work.